GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2875
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ASSAM GAS CRACKER PROJECT
PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Assam Gas Cracker project was down sized due to non-availability of Natural Gas;

(b) the gas availability projection and the production of potential of Ethylene at the time of issuing of Letter of Intent for the project; and

(c) the gas availability and Ethylene production potential as on date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) to (c) : Assam Industrial Development Corporation (AIDC), a State Government undertaking, was issued a Letter of Intent in 1991 for setting up of a Gas Cracker of 3 lakh TPA Ethylene. Based on the availability of natural gas in Assam, a commitment was made by the Central Government in 1994 to supply adequate gas to the Assam GasCracker Project for production of2 lakh TPA of Ethylene. Government have also decided that if additional gas is available in Assam, the same would be given to the Assam Gas Cracker Project on first priority.